

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

The JS 44 civil cover sheet and the information contained herein neither replace nor supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, except as provided by local rules of court. This form, approved by the Judicial Conference of the United States in September 1974, is required for the use of the Clerk of Court for the purpose of initiating the civil docket sheet. (SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON NEXT PAGE OF THIS FORM.)

**I. (a) PLAINTIFFS**

(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff \_\_\_\_\_  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)

**DEFENDANTS**

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant \_\_\_\_\_  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

**II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff
- ☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant
- ☐ 3 Federal Question  
(U.S. Government Not a Party)
- ☐ 4 Diversity  
(Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

**III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES** (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

- |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |   | PTF                        | DEF                        |
|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Citizen of This State                   | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> 1 | Incorporated or Principal Place of Business In This State     | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> 4 |
| Citizen of Another State                | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> 2 | Incorporated and Principal Place of Business In Another State | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> 5 |
| Citizen or Subject of a Foreign Country | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> 3 | Foreign Nation  | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> 6 |

**IV. NATURE OF SUIT** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions.](#)

CONTRACT	TORTS	FORFEITURE/PENALTY	BANKRUPTCY	OTHER STATUTES
<input type="checkbox"/> 110 Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> 120 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 130 Miller Act <input type="checkbox"/> 140 Negotiable Instrument <input type="checkbox"/> 150 Recovery of Overpayment & Enforcement of Judgment <input type="checkbox"/> 151 Medicare Act <input type="checkbox"/> 152 Recovery of Defaulted Student Loans (Excludes Veterans) <input type="checkbox"/> 153 Recovery of Overpayment of Veteran's Benefits <input type="checkbox"/> 160 Stockholders' Suits <input type="checkbox"/> 190 Other Contract <input type="checkbox"/> 195 Contract Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 196 Franchise	<b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 310 Airplane <input type="checkbox"/> 315 Airplane Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 320 Assault, Libel & Slander <input type="checkbox"/> 330 Federal Employers' Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 340 Marine <input type="checkbox"/> 345 Marine Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 350 Motor Vehicle <input type="checkbox"/> 355 Motor Vehicle Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 360 Other Personal Injury <input type="checkbox"/> 362 Personal Injury - Medical Malpractice <b>PERSONAL INJURY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 365 Personal Injury - Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 367 Health Care/Pharmaceutical Personal Injury Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 368 Asbestos Personal Injury Product Liability <b>PERSONAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 370 Other Fraud <input type="checkbox"/> 371 Truth in Lending <input type="checkbox"/> 380 Other Personal Property Damage <input type="checkbox"/> 385 Property Damage Product Liability	<input type="checkbox"/> 625 Drug Related Seizure of Property 21 USC 881 <input type="checkbox"/> 690 Other <b>LABOR</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 710 Fair Labor Standards Act <input type="checkbox"/> 720 Labor/Management Relations <input type="checkbox"/> 740 Railway Labor Act <input type="checkbox"/> 751 Family and Medical Leave Act <input type="checkbox"/> 790 Other Labor Litigation <input type="checkbox"/> 791 Employee Retirement Income Security Act <b>IMMIGRATION</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 462 Naturalization Application <input type="checkbox"/> 465 Other Immigration Actions	<input type="checkbox"/> 422 Appeal 28 USC 158 <input type="checkbox"/> 423 Withdrawal 28 USC 157 <b>PROPERTY RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 820 Copyrights <input type="checkbox"/> 830 Patent <input type="checkbox"/> 835 Patent - Abbreviated New Drug Application <input type="checkbox"/> 840 Trademark <b>SOCIAL SECURITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 861 HIA (1395ff) <input type="checkbox"/> 862 Black Lung (923) <input type="checkbox"/> 863 DIWC/DIWW (405(g)) <input type="checkbox"/> 864 SSID Title XVI <input type="checkbox"/> 865 RSI (405(g)) <b>FEDERAL TAX SUITS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 870 Taxes (U.S. Plaintiff or Defendant) <input type="checkbox"/> 871 IRS—Third Party 26 USC 7609	<input type="checkbox"/> 375 False Claims Act <input type="checkbox"/> 376 Qui Tam (31 USC 3729(a)) <input type="checkbox"/> 400 State Reapportionment <input type="checkbox"/> 410 Antitrust <input type="checkbox"/> 430 Banks and Banking <input type="checkbox"/> 450 Commerce <input type="checkbox"/> 460 Deportation <input type="checkbox"/> 470 Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations <input type="checkbox"/> 480 Consumer Credit <input type="checkbox"/> 485 Telephone Consumer Protection Act <input type="checkbox"/> 490 Cable/Sat TV <input type="checkbox"/> 850 Securities/Commodities/Exchange <input type="checkbox"/> 890 Other Statutory Actions <input type="checkbox"/> 891 Agricultural Acts <input type="checkbox"/> 893 Environmental Matters <input type="checkbox"/> 895 Freedom of Information Act <input type="checkbox"/> 896 Arbitration <input type="checkbox"/> 899 Administrative Procedure Act/Review or Appeal of Agency Decision <input type="checkbox"/> 950 Constitutionality of State Statutes
<b>REAL PROPERTY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 210 Land Condemnation <input type="checkbox"/> 220 Foreclosure <input type="checkbox"/> 230 Rent Lease & Ejectment <input type="checkbox"/> 240 Torts to Land <input type="checkbox"/> 245 Tort Product Liability <input type="checkbox"/> 290 All Other Real Property	<b>CIVIL RIGHTS</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 440 Other Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 441 Voting <input type="checkbox"/> 442 Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 443 Housing/Accommodations <input type="checkbox"/> 445 Amer. w/Disabilities - Employment <input type="checkbox"/> 446 Amer. w/Disabilities - Other <input type="checkbox"/> 448 Education <b>PRISONER PETITIONS</b> <b>Habeas Corpus:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 463 Alien Detainee <input type="checkbox"/> 510 Motions to Vacate Sentence <input type="checkbox"/> 530 General <input type="checkbox"/> 535 Death Penalty <b>Other:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> 540 Mandamus & Other <input type="checkbox"/> 550 Civil Rights <input type="checkbox"/> 555 Prison Condition <input type="checkbox"/> 560 Civil Detainee - Conditions of Confinement			

**V. ORIGIN** (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 Original Proceeding    ☐ 2 Removed from State Court    ☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court    ☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened    ☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)    ☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer    ☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

**VI. CAUSE OF ACTION**

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

Brief description of cause:

**VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:**

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☐ No

**VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY**

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

**FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

RECEIPT #

AMOUNT

APPLYING IFP

JUDGE

MAG. JUDGE

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS COMPLETING CIVIL COVER SHEET FORM JS 44****Authority For Civil Cover Sheet**

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- I.(a) Plaintiffs-Defendants.** Enter names (last, first, middle initial) of plaintiff and defendant. If the plaintiff or defendant is a government agency, use only the full name or standard abbreviations. If the plaintiff or defendant is an official within a government agency, identify first the agency and then the official, giving both name and title.
- (b) County of Residence.** For each civil case filed, except U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county where the first listed plaintiff resides at the time of filing. In U.S. plaintiff cases, enter the name of the county in which the first listed defendant resides at the time of filing. (NOTE: In land condemnation cases, the county of residence of the "defendant" is the location of the tract of land involved.)
- (c) Attorneys.** Enter the firm name, address, telephone number, and attorney of record. If there are several attorneys, list them on an attachment, noting in this section "(see attachment)".
- II. Jurisdiction.** The basis of jurisdiction is set forth under Rule 8(a), F.R.Cv.P., which requires that jurisdictions be shown in pleadings. Place an "X" in one of the boxes. If there is more than one basis of jurisdiction, precedence is given in the order shown below.  
 United States plaintiff. (1) Jurisdiction based on 28 U.S.C. 1345 and 1348. Suits by agencies and officers of the United States are included here.  
 United States defendant. (2) When the plaintiff is suing the United States, its officers or agencies, place an "X" in this box.  
 Federal question. (3) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1331, where jurisdiction arises under the Constitution of the United States, an amendment to the Constitution, an act of Congress or a treaty of the United States. In cases where the U.S. is a party, the U.S. plaintiff or defendant code takes precedence, and box 1 or 2 should be marked.  
 Diversity of citizenship. (4) This refers to suits under 28 U.S.C. 1332, where parties are citizens of different states. When Box 4 is checked, the citizenship of the different parties must be checked. (See Section III below; **NOTE: federal question actions take precedence over diversity cases.**)
- III. Residence (citizenship) of Principal Parties.** This section of the JS 44 is to be completed if diversity of citizenship was indicated above. Mark this section for each principal party.
- IV. Nature of Suit.** Place an "X" in the appropriate box. If there are multiple nature of suit codes associated with the case, pick the nature of suit code that is most applicable. Click here for: [Nature of Suit Code Descriptions](#).
- V. Origin.** Place an "X" in one of the seven boxes.  
 Original Proceedings. (1) Cases which originate in the United States district courts.  
 Removed from State Court. (2) Proceedings initiated in state courts may be removed to the district courts under Title 28 U.S.C., Section 1441.  
 Remanded from Appellate Court. (3) Check this box for cases remanded to the district court for further action. Use the date of remand as the filing date.  
 Reinstated or Reopened. (4) Check this box for cases reinstated or reopened in the district court. Use the reopening date as the filing date.  
 Transferred from Another District. (5) For cases transferred under Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1404(a). Do not use this for within district transfers or multidistrict litigation transfers.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Transfer. (6) Check this box when a multidistrict case is transferred into the district under authority of Title 28 U.S.C. Section 1407.  
 Multidistrict Litigation – Direct File. (8) Check this box when a multidistrict case is filed in the same district as the Master MDL docket. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE IS NOT AN ORIGIN CODE 7.** Origin Code 7 was used for historical records and is no longer relevant due to changes in statute.
- VI. Cause of Action.** Report the civil statute directly related to the cause of action and give a brief description of the cause. **Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity.** Example: U.S. Civil Statute: 47 USC 553 Brief Description: Unauthorized reception of cable service
- VII. Requested in Complaint.** Class Action. Place an "X" in this box if you are filing a class action under Rule 23, F.R.Cv.P.  
 Demand. In this space enter the actual dollar amount being demanded or indicate other demand, such as a preliminary injunction.  
 Jury Demand. Check the appropriate box to indicate whether or not a jury is being demanded.
- VIII. Related Cases.** This section of the JS 44 is used to reference related pending cases, if any. If there are related pending cases, insert the docket numbers and the corresponding judge names for such cases.

**Date and Attorney Signature.** Date and sign the civil cover sheet.

**Attachment to Civil Cover Sheet**

*Ada Lepine v. Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., et al.*

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Teva Women's Health, LLC f/ka Teva Women's Health, Inc.,  
Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc. a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., d/b/a  
Teva Women's Health, Inc.,  
Teva Women's Health, Inc., individually, and as successor in interest to Duramed  
Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

ADA LEPINE	:	CMLACTION
	:	
	:	
v.	:	
TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC., et al:	:	
	:	NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

**SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:**

- (a) Habeas Corpus - Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ( )
- (b) Social Security - Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ( )
- (c) Arbitration - Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ( )
- (d) Asbestos - Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ( )
- (e) Special Management - Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.) (X)
- (f) Standard Management- Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. ( )

03/25/2020

**Date**

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Defendants

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**Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan  
Section 1:03 -Assignment to a Management Track**

- (a) The clerk of court will assign cases to tracks (a) through (d) based on the initial pleading.
- (b) In all cases not appropriate for assignment by the clerk of court to tracks (a) through (d), the plaintiff shall submit to the clerk of court and serve with the complaint on all defendants a case management track designation form specifying that the plaintiff believes the case requires Standard Management or Special Management. In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a case management track designation form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.
- (c) The court may, on its own initiative or upon the request of any party, change the track assignment of any case at any time.
- (d) Nothing in this Plan is intended to abrogate or limit a judicial officer's authority in any case pending before that judicial officer, to direct pretrial and trial proceedings that are more stringent than those of the Plan and that are designed to accomplish cost and delay reduction.
- (e) Nothing in this Plan is intended to supersede Local Civil Rules 40.1 and 72.1, or the procedure for random assignment of Habeas Corpus and Social Security cases referred to magistrate judges of the court.

**SPECIAL MANAGEMENT CASE ASSIGNMENTS  
(See §1.02 (e) Management Track Definitions of the  
Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan)**

Special Management cases will usually include that class of cases commonly referred to as "complex litigation" as that term has been used in the Manuals for Complex Litigation. The first manual was prepared in 1969 and the Manual for Complex Litigation Second, MCL 2d was prepared in 1985. This term is intended to include cases that present unusual problems and require extraordinary treatment. See §0.1 of the first manual. Cases may require special or intense management by the court due to one or more of the following factors: (1) large number of parties; (2) large number of claims or defenses; (3) complex factual issues; (4) large volume of evidence; (5) problems locating or preserving evidence; (6) extensive discovery; (7) exceptionally long time needed to prepare for disposition; (8) decision needed within an exceptionally short time; and (9) need to decide preliminary issues before final disposition. It may include two or more related cases. Complex litigation typically includes such cases as antitrust cases; cases involving a large number of parties or an unincorporated association of large membership; cases involving requests for injunctive relief affecting the operation of large business entities; patent cases; copyright and trademark cases; common disaster cases such as those arising from aircraft crashes or marine disasters; actions brought by individual stockholders; stockholder's derivative and stockholder's representative actions; class actions or potential class actions; and other civil (and criminal) cases involving unusual multiplicity or complexity of factual issues. See §0.22 of the first Manual for Complex Litigation and Manual for Complex Litigation Second, Chapter 33.

**DESIGNATION FORM**

(to be used by counsel or pro se plaintiff to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to the appropriate calendar)

Address of Plaintiff: \_\_\_\_\_

Address of Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: \_\_\_\_\_

**RELATED CASE, IF ANY:**

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil cases are deemed related when **Yes** is answered to any of the following questions:

- |  |                              |                             |
|--|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?            | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action of this court? | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?  | Yes <input type="checkbox"/> | No <input type="checkbox"/> |

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case ☐ **is** / ☐ **is not** related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff

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Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

**CIVIL: (Place a ✓ in one category only)**

**A. Federal Question Cases:**

- ☐ 1. Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
  - ☐ 2. FELA
  - ☐ 3. Jones Act-Personal Injury
  - ☐ 4. Antitrust
  - ☐ 5. Patent
  - ☐ 6. Labor-Management Relations
  - ☐ 7. Civil Rights
  - ☐ 8. Habeas Corpus
  - ☐ 9. Securities Act(s) Cases
  - ☐ 10. Social Security Review Cases
  - ☐ 11. All other Federal Question Cases
- (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:**

- ☐ 1. Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
  - ☐ 2. Airplane Personal Injury
  - ☐ 3. Assault, Defamation
  - ☐ 4. Marine Personal Injury
  - ☐ 5. Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
  - ☐ 6. Other Personal Injury (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_
  - ☐ 7. Products Liability
  - ☐ 8. Products Liability – Asbestos
  - ☐ 9. All other Diversity Cases
- (Please specify): \_\_\_\_\_

**ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION**

(The effect of this certification is to remove the case from eligibility for arbitration.)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, counsel of record or pro se plaintiff, do hereby certify:

- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, § 3(c) (2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$150,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs:
- ☐ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney-at-Law / Pro Se Plaintiff

Attorney I.D. # (if applicable)

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

ADA LEPINE,

*Plaintiff,*

v.

TEVA PHARMACEUTICALS USA, INC.

TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, LLC f/k/a  
Teva Women's Health, Inc.

DURAMED PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,  
a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,  
d/b/a TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, INC.

TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, INC.,  
individually, and as successor in interest to,  
DURAMED PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.,  
a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, LLC,  
individually and as successor in interest to  
TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, INC.

*Defendants.*

Case No. \_\_\_\_-CV-\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE OF REMOVAL**

Defendants Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva Women's Health, Inc.,<sup>1</sup> and Teva Women's Health, LLC, (hereinafter "Defendants") by their undersigned attorneys, hereby give notice of the removal of this action, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1332, 1441, and 1446, from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, to the United States District Court for the Eastern

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons only known to her, plaintiff has "named" and incorrectly describes as a purportedly separate Defendant in the caption of her complaint, Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., even though Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., was simply a prior name of Teva Women's Health, Inc. Plaintiff acknowledges this name change. (See Complaint ¶ 6 where allegations are made against Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., but it is not referred to as a defendant, *see also* ¶ 26.) Therefore, the statements made in this Notice about Teva Women's Health, Inc., apply to the incorrectly "named" Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc.



District of Pennsylvania. As grounds for removal, Defendants state as follows:

**NATURE OF THE ACTION**

1. This is a personal injury products liability action brought by plaintiff Ada Lepine who alleges a ParaGard IUD was placed in her by a physician in November 2008. Plaintiff also alleges that when she had the ParaGard removed in March of 2017, in Downey, California, both arms of the embedded ParaGard remained. Plaintiff further alleges that both arms remain as she is unable to have them surgically removed. (Ex. A, Compl. ¶¶ 42, 44, 45, 46.)

2. Plaintiff commenced this action by filing her Complaint on March 9, 2020, in the Philadelphia County Court of Common Pleas, March Term, 2020, No. 000932. (Ex. A, Compl.) Plaintiff served defendants Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., and Teva Women's Health, LLC, with the Complaint on March 9, 2020. Plaintiff attempted to serve Teva Women's Health, Inc., on March 9, 2020, but Teva Women's Health, Inc., was converted under Delaware law to Teva Women's Health, LLC (Compl. ¶ 4), and Teva Women's Health, Inc., no longer exists. "Defendant" Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., was simply a prior name for Teva Women's Health, Inc. as acknowledged by plaintiff. (Ex. A, Compl. ¶¶ 4, 6, and 26.)

3. As set forth below, this action is properly removable under the Court's diversity jurisdiction and because this is a civil action between citizens of different states and the amount in controversy exceeds \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs.

**DIVERSITY JURISDICTION IS PROPER**

**A. The Amount in Controversy Requirement Is Satisfied**

4. "[A] defendant's notice of removal need include only a plausible allegation that the amount in controversy exceeds the jurisdictional threshold." *Dart Cherokee Basin Operating Co., LLC v. Owens*, 135 S. Ct. 547, 554 (2014). "Evidence establishing the amount is required by § 1446(c)(2)(B) only when the plaintiff contests, or the court questions, the defendant's



allegation.” *Id.*

5. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(c)(2)(A)(ii), a defendant may assert the amount in controversy in its notice of removal if removing from a jurisdiction where “[s]tate practice either does not permit demand for a specific sum or permits recovery of damages in excess of the amount demanded.” Removal of a lawsuit is proper upon the defendant’s assertion of the amount in controversy if the district court finds by a preponderance of the evidence that the amount in controversy exceed \$75,000, exclusive of interest and costs. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1446 (c)(2)(B); *see also Frederico v. Home Depot*, 507 F.3d 188, 197 (3d Cir. 2007) (holding that where the plaintiff has not specifically averred the amount in controversy is less than the jurisdictional minimum, remand is only proper where the court finds to legal certainty that the plaintiff cannot recover the jurisdictional amount).

6. Plaintiff’s Complaint seeks damages, exclusive of interest and costs, “which exceeds the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000)” and also “in excess of the jurisdictional minimum” of the Court of Common Pleas. (Ex. A, Compl. ¶ 16; *see also* “Relief Requested,” page 35). It is apparent from the face of the Complaint, and the injuries alleged by plaintiff, that the amount in controversy in this action exceeds \$75,000. Plaintiff claims that as a direct result of her use of the ParaGard, “Plaintiff suffered from having a broken arm of the ParaGard in her.” (Ex. A, Compl. ¶ 48.) She asserts this caused her damage, including, but not limited to, “pain, suffering, mental anguish, the loss of reproductive health, loss of enjoyment of life, medical expenses and other out of pocket losses and loss of income.” (*Id.*)

7. Where, as here, a plaintiff alleges she has suffered serious bodily injuries, courts, including this Court, have readily found that the amount-in-controversy requirement is satisfied. *See, e.g., Varzally v. Sears, Roebuck & Co.*, No. 09-CV-6137, 2010 WL 3212482, at \*2 (E.D. Pa. July 30, 2010) (where plaintiff alleged injuries to his neck, right shoulder and right arm,

requiring medical treatment and physical therapy, wage losses from having to take time off from work to recover from his injuries, and continuing medical problems, amount in controversy met); *Viens v. Wal-Mart Stores, Inc.*, No. 96–CV–2602, 1997 WL 114763, at \*2–3 (D. Conn. Mar. 4, 1997) (finding reasonable probability that amount in controversy requirement was satisfied when plaintiff’s complaint alleged severe injuries and lost wages).

8. Accordingly, although Defendants deny any liability or that they are responsible in any way for plaintiff’s alleged damages, based upon plaintiff’s characterization of the alleged damages at issue, the amount-in-controversy requirement is satisfied.

#### **B. There is Complete Diversity**

9. Ada Lepine alleges she is an adult citizen and resident of Florida. (Ex. A, Compl. ¶ 1.)

10. Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., is incorporated in Delaware and has its principal place of business in New Jersey. Therefore, for diversity purposes, Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., is deemed to be a citizen of Delaware and New Jersey, and diverse from plaintiff.<sup>2</sup> Plaintiff served Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., on March 9, 2020.

11. Defendant Teva Women’s Health, LLC, is a limited liability company formed under Delaware law. Teva Women’s Health, LLC’s sole member is Barr Pharmaceuticals, LLC,

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<sup>2</sup> Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., also was fraudulently joined in this suit. “[J]oinder is fraudulent if ‘there is no reasonable basis in fact or colorable ground supporting the claim against the joined defendant, or no real intention in good faith to prosecute the action against defendant or seek a joint judgment.’” *In re Briscoe*, 448 F.3d 201, 216 (3d Cir. 2016) (quoting *Abels v. State Farm Firs & Cas. Co.*, 770 F.2d 26, 32 (3d Cir. 1985)). Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., did not manufacture or sell the ParaGard IUD allegedly placed in plaintiff. Accordingly, although plaintiff has asserted in her Complaint that a governing law determination is “premature,” plaintiff cannot bring a product liability claim against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., under Florida or Pennsylvania law. *See e.g., Liggett Group Inc. v. Engle*, 853 So.2d 434, 466 n.46 (Fla. 3d DCA 2003) (“[i]t is aphoristic that a plaintiff cannot prevail on claims for negligence, breach of warranty or strict liability, unless the plaintiff establishes that the product which allegedly caused the plaintiff’s injury was manufactured or sold by the defendant”), *aff’d* on this ground, *rev’d* on other grounds, 945 So.2d 1246 (Fla. 2006) and ; *Long v. Krueger, Inc.*, 686 F. Supp. 514, 517 (E.D. Pa. 1988).

whose sole member is Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. Therefore, for diversity purposes, Teva Women's Health, LLC is a citizen of Delaware and New Jersey and diverse from plaintiff. Plaintiff served Teva Women's Health, LLC, on March 9, 2020.

12. Defendant Teva Women's Health, Inc., ceased to exist on August 11, 2017, when it was converted under Delaware law to Teva Women's Health, LLC. Teva Women's Health, Inc., has not been, and cannot be, joined and served and, therefore, its citizenship must be disregarded.

13. Thus, complete diversity exists.

**THE PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS FOR REMOVAL ARE SATISFIED**

14. This is a civil action within the meaning of the Acts of Congress relating to removal of cases. *See generally* 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a)-(b).

15. This Notice of Removal is timely filed under 28 U.S.C. § 1446(b)(1) because plaintiff served Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., and Teva Women's Health, LLC, on March 9, 2020. Plaintiff attempted to serve Teva Women's Health, Inc., on March 9, 2020, but Teva Women's Health, Inc., ceased to exist on August 11, 2017, when it was converted under Delaware law to Teva Women's Health, LLC. Teva Women's Health, Inc., has not been, and cannot be, joined and served.

16. Copies of all state court process, pleadings, and orders served upon Defendants are attached as Exhibit A. 28 U.S.C. § 1446(a).

17. Each defendant by joining in this Notice of Removal consents to removal of this suit.

18. The Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, the court in which this action was filed, is located within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.

19. A copy of this Notice of Removal is being filed with the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania.

20. Written notice of removal is also being given promptly to plaintiff, by service upon her attorneys of record.

21. Defendants reserve the right to amend or supplement this Notice of Removal.

22. By filing this Notice of Removal, the removing Defendants do not waive, either expressly or implicitly, their rights to assert any defenses available under state and/or federal law. All such defenses are expressly reserved and preserved.

WHEREFORE, Defendants Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva Women's Health, Inc., and Teva Women's Health, LLC, Inc., hereby remove this action from the Court of Common Pleas, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania, where it is pending under March Term, 2020, No. 000932, to this Court.

Dated: March 25, 2020.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

On this 25th day of March, 2020, the undersigned certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Removal was filed with the Clerk of the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania and served upon all counsel of record using the CM/ECF system, and by electronic mail upon the following counsel of record:

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# EXHIBIT A


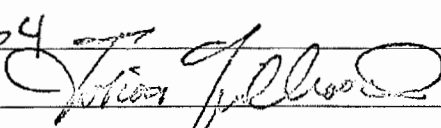


Court of Common Pleas of Philadelphia  
County Trial Division  
**Civil Cover Sheet**

MARCH 2020

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PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS 18804 Duquesne Dr, Tampa, FL 33647		DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS Delaware Corporation, 1090 Horsham Road, North Wales, PA 19454	
PLAINTIFF'S NAME		DEFENDANT'S NAME TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, INC.	
PLAINTIFF'S ADDRESS		DEFENDANT'S ADDRESS Delaware Corporation, 425 Privet Road, Horsham, PA 19044	
PLAINTIFF'S NAME		DEFENDANT'S NAME DURAMED PHARMACEUTICALS, INC.	
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STATUTORY BASIS FOR CAUSE OF ACTION (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)			
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TO THE OFFICE OF JUDICIAL RECORDS: Kindly enter my appearance on behalf of Plaintiff/Petitioner/Appellant: Ada Lepine Papers may be served at the address set forth below.			
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**ADA LEPINE**  
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Tampa, FL 33647

Plaintiff,

v.

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North Wales, PA 19454

and

**TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, LLC f/k/a TEVA WOMEN'S  
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425 Privet Road  
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and

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HEALTH, INC.,**  
1090 Horsham Road  
North Wales, PA 19454

and

**TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, INC., individually, and as  
successor in interest to, DURAMED  
PHARMACEUTICALS, INC., a division of Barr  
Pharmaceuticals, Inc.,**  
1090 Horsham Road  
North Wales, PA 19454

and

**TEVA WOMEN'S HEALTH, LLC., individually and as  
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**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS  
TRIAL DIVISION**

**MARCH 2020**

No.

000300

Jury Trial Demanded

Assessment of Damages Hearing is  
Required

Defendants.

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**COMPLAINT**

**CIVIL ACTION**

Plaintiff, Ada Lepine, by and through her undersigned attorneys, files this complaint against Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc., Teva Women's Health, Inc., d/b/a Teva Women's Health, LLC, Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., f/k/a Teva Women's Health, Inc., Teva Women's Health, LLC., f/k/a Teva Women's Health, Inc., as successor in interest to Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., (collectively referred herein as "Teva Defendants"), both jointly and severally, the companies that designed, developed, manufactured, tested, performed safety surveillance, labeled, packaged, distributed, marketed and/or sold the Paragard Intrauterine medical device ("Paragard IUD") implanted into Plaintiff throughout the United States. Accordingly, Plaintiff alleges and states as follows:

**PARTIES**

1. Plaintiff, Ada Lepine, is an adult citizen and resident of the state of Florida, residing at 18804 Duquesne Dr, Tampa FL, 33647 who was implanted with Defendants' Paragard IUD.

2. Defendant Teva Pharmaceuticals USA, Inc. ("Teva Pharmaceuticals" or "Teva USA") is a corporation with headquarters located at 1090 Horsham Rd. in North Wales, Pennsylvania. At times relevant to this action, Teva USA designed, developed, manufactured and marketed the Paragard IUD at issue. At times relevant to this action, Teva USA communicated with the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regarding the sale, use, and safety concerns related to Paragard IUDs, which includes

managing product recalls, investigating adverse events from Paragard IUD users, and performing mandatory reporting to FDA regarding Paragard IUD.

3. At times relevant to this action, Teva USA was involved in regulatory communications, and medical communications, including but not limited to communications with physicians, doctors and other medical personnel, which led to activities giving rise to failure to warn, negligence, gross negligence, common law fraud, negligent misrepresentation, breach of warranty, and a violation of consumer protection laws.

4. Defendant Teva Women's Health, Inc., ("Teva Women's Health") is a corporation with headquarters located at 425 Privet Rd., in Horsham, Pennsylvania and is and/or was a wholly owned subsidiary of Defendant Teva USA, and/or operated as a successor-in-interest to Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., and/or assumed Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in a name change after its acquisition by Teva USA. Teva Women's Health, Inc., converted into Teva Women's Health, LLC in 2017 and continues to operate as Teva Women's Health, LLC. At times relevant to this action, Teva Women's Health designed, developed, manufactured and marketed the Paragard IUD at issue.

5. Defendant Teva Women's Health, LLC is a corporation with headquarters located at 425 Privet Rd., in Horsham, Pennsylvania and is and/or was a wholly owned subsidiary of Defendants Teva Pharmaceuticals. Teva Women's Health, LLC is the product of an entity conversion pursuant to Pennsylvania Statute 15 Pa.C.S. §356, and Del. Code Ann. Tit. 8, 266. Teva Women's Health, Inc., converted into Teva Women's Health, LLC and continues to operate as a limited liability company instead of an incorporation. Teva Women's Health, LLC formerly known as Teva Women's Health, Inc., shall herein be collectively referred to as "Teva Women's Health".

6. Accordingly, Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., d/b/a Teva Women's Health Inc., (hereafter referred to as "Duramed"), acquired FEI Women's Health in 2005 wherein the asset of Paragard was acquired in the deal. Duramed was

acquired by Teva USA in 2008 wherein its name was changed to Teva Women's Health, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Teva USA.

7. At times relevant hereto and alleged herein, the Teva Defendants conducted and continues to regularly conduct substantial business within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and within Philadelphia County, which included and continues to include, the research, safety surveillance, manufacture, sale, distribution and marketing of the Paragard IUD, which is distributed through the stream of interstate commerce into Pennsylvania and Philadelphia County.

8. At times relevant hereto, each Defendant acted in all aspects as the agent and alter ego of each other.

9. At times relevant and material hereto, Defendants were engaged in the business of, or were successors-in-interest to entities engaged in the business of, researching, developing, designing, formulating, licensing, manufacturing, testing, producing, processing, assembling, packaging, inspecting, distributing, selling, labeling, monitoring, marketing, promoting, advertising, and/or introducing into interstate commerce throughout the United States, and in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, either directly or indirectly, through third-parties, subsidiaries and/or related entities, the Paragard IUD, a device used in the prevention of pregnancy, implanted in patients throughout the United States, including Plaintiff.

#### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

10. Plaintiff incorporates by reference all of the above paragraphs.

11. Jurisdiction is proper over the Defendants based upon 42 Pa. C.S.A. 5301.

12. This Court has proper jurisdiction over the Teva Defendants who are citizens and residents of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

13. The Court has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants pursuant to, and consistent with Pennsylvania's long-arm statute (42 Pa.C.S. 5322) and both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's and Federal Constitutional requirements of Due Process in so far that Defendants, acting through agents or apparent agents, committed one or more of the following:

- a. Defendants transacted and continue to transact, business in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 42 Pa.C.S. 5322(a)(1), and conducted, and regularly conduct



business, receive substantial revenues, and sell and perform services in Philadelphia, Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania;

- b. Defendants have an interest in, uses, or possess real property in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, 42 Pa.C.S.5322(a)(5);
- c. Requiring Defendants to litigate this claim in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania does not offend traditional notions of fair play and substantial justice and is permitted by the U.S. Constitution.

14. Venue is proper in this County pursuant to Pa. R.C.P. No. 2179, which provides, in relevant part, that “a personal action against a corporation or similar entity may be brought in and only in (1) the county where its registered office or principal place of business is located; (2) a county where it regularly conducts business,” because all of the Defendants regularly conduct business in Philadelphia County.

15. Jurisdiction and venue are proper in this Honorable Court, as Teva Defendants have sufficient contacts with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, including the City of Philadelphia, through their substantial and purposeful transaction of business here, including but not limited to their receipt of substantial compensation, revenues and/or profits from sales of the Paragard IUD, as well as, conducting safety surveillance, marketing and/or promotion, storage and delivery of the Paragard device and engagement in the strategy and strategic design and implementation of Paragard for commerce within the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, all of which led to the causes of actions herein.

16. This is an action for damages, exclusive of interest and costs, which exceeds the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000).

17. Plaintiff’s claims in the is action are brought solely under state law. Plaintiff does not bring assert or allege, either expressly or impliedly, any causes of action arising under any federal law, statute, regulation or provision. Thus, there is no federal jurisdiction in this action on the basis of a federal question under 28 U.S.C. 1331.

18. Federal diversity jurisdiction is lacking in this matter as complete diversity does not exist between the parties and therefore the federal courts lack jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. 1332.

19. Further, at this stage of litigation, a choice of law analysis is not yet ripe for review; Plaintiff reserves her right to pursue the causes of action listed herein based upon the facts pled and discovered.

#### **DEFENDANTS' IUD PRODUCT**

20. At relevant times, Teva Defendants designed, researched, manufactured, labeled, packaged, promoted, marketed and/or sold the Paragard IUD at issue after receiving New Drug Application approval from FDA.

21. Paragard is an intrauterine device that can provide long term birth control, up to 10 years, without hormones.

22. The Paragard device is a T-shaped plastic frame made of polyethylene and barium sulfate that is inserted into the uterus. Copper wire coiled around the device produces an inflammatory reaction that is toxic to sperm and egg. A monofilament polyethylene thread is tied through the tip, resulting in two white threads, which aid in the detection and removal of the device.

23. In 2008, Teva USA became the owner of Paragard when it acquired Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., through its purchase of Barr Pharmaceuticals.

24. Upon information and belief, when Teva USA acquired Duramed, a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., it also acquired Duramed's manufacturing facilities, sales force and responsibility for maintaining and updating the labeling for Paragard.

25. Shortly thereafter, Teva USA changed the name of Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc., to Teva Women's Health, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of Teva USA.

26. Upon information and belief, Teva Women's Health, Inc., is the same entity as Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., a division of Barr Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Teva Women's Health, Inc., is simply a new name for the same corporation.

27. Upon information and belief, and for purposes of liability and interest, Teva Women's Health, Inc., is the same entity as Teva Women's Health, LLC. Teva Women's Health, Inc., converted into Teva Women's Health, LLC under the laws of Delaware and/or Pennsylvania. Teva Women's Health, Inc., did not dissolve or windup and therefore liability continues from the corporation to the Limited Liability Company.

28. On August 31, 2009, Duramed Pharmaceuticals, Inc., filed with the Ohio Secretary of State a Certificate of Amendment to Foreign Corporation Application For License requesting a name change. A new entity was not created and no entities were dissolved. Duramed's license number did not change.

29. Paragard is currently sold only in the U.S. and had earned revenues of approximately \$168 million for the twelve-month period ending June 30, 2017.

#### **FACTUAL BACKGROUND**

30. At times relevant, Teva Defendants engaged in extensive mass media direct-to-consumer advertising of Paragard for the purpose of increasing sales.

31. The Paragard was marketed heavily by Teva Defendants as being safe and effective, and promising fewer side effects than other birth control methods.

32. The marketing and promotional efforts of Teva Defendants, their advertisers, and sales force served to overstate the benefits of Paragard and minimize and downplay the risks. These promotional efforts were made while Teva Defendants fraudulently withheld important safety information from health care providers and the public.

33. Prior to Plaintiff being implanted with the Paragard IUD, Defendants knew and should have known that the device was defective and unreasonably dangerous.

34. Teva Defendants knew or should have known that Paragard can and does cause serious harm to individuals who use it, due to the risk of the Paragard's arm breaking upon removal.

35. Teva Defendants knew of these risks from the trials they performed, their post-marketing experience and complaints, third party studies, and their own analysis of these studies, but took no action to adequately warn or remedy the defects and instead concealed, suppressed and failed to disclose or fix this danger.

36. The product warnings for Paragard were vague, incomplete or otherwise wholly inadequate to alert prescribing physicians and patients to the actual risks associated with Paragard.

37. Teva Defendants' marketing and promotion, through its own website, sought to reassure physicians and patients that Defendants' longstanding record of quality and safety assurance.

38. Based upon these representations, upon which Plaintiff and her physician relied, Plaintiff had the Paragard implanted, believing it would be safe and effective, for the entire duration it was implanted and upon removal.

39. Between 2005 and 2015, Teva Defendants came into possession of "newly acquired evidence" in the FDA Maude database which warranted changes to the Paragard label, yet failed to adequately communicate and/or warn consumers, the FDA and/or doctors and medical personnel of the newly acquired information and risks.

40. Since 2010, the FDA has received over 1600 reports of Paragard breakage, with over 700 classified as serious.

41. Defendants failure to adequately communicate and report to the FDA the injuries associated with Paragard resulted in inadequate warnings.

42. In November 2008, Plaintiff Ada Lepine was implanted with Defendant's Paragard by a physician.

43. Plaintiff, a young and healthy woman, wanted a Paragard because it was a reversible form of birth control that would allow her to conceive in the future.

44. In March 2017, Plaintiff went to have the Paragard removed in Downey, CA.

45. Plaintiff's healthcare provider attempted to remove the Paragard as instructed by Teva, by grasping the Paragard by the forceps and pulling gently. Despite following the

instructions provided by Teva, only a portion of the Paragard was retrieved with both arms missing.

46. Both arms of the Paragard remain embedded in the Plaintiff's uterus as she has been unable to have them surgically removed.

47. Prior to her procedures, Plaintiff and her doctors were provided with no warning from the Defendants of the risk of Paragard failure and injury, nor were Plaintiff and her doctors provided with adequate warning of the risk of removal of Paragard. This information was known or knowable to the Defendants.

48. As a direct result of Plaintiff's use of the Paragard, Plaintiff suffered from having a broken arm of the Paragard in her, causing her damage, including but not limited to pain, suffering, mental anguish, the loss of reproductive health, loss of enjoyment of life, medical expenses and other out of pocket losses and loss of income.

**DISCOVERY RULE, ESTOPPEL, AND FRAUDULENT CONCEALMENT**

49. Plaintiff incorporates by reference the factual portion of this Complaint as if fully set forth herein and additionally, or in the alternative, if same be necessary, allege as follows.

50. Plaintiff plead that the discovery rule should be applied to toll the running of the statute of limitations until Plaintiff knew, or through the exercise of reasonable care and diligence should have known, of facts indicating that the Plaintiff had been injured, the cause of the injury and the tortious nature of the wrongdoing that caused the injury.

51. Despite diligent investigation by Plaintiff into the cause of her injuries, including consultations with Plaintiff's medical providers, the nature of Plaintiff's injuries and damages and their relation to the Plaintiff's Paragard IUD and Defendants' wrongful conduct was not discovered and could not have been discovered, until a date within the applicable statute of limitations for filing each of Plaintiff's claims. Therefore, under appropriate application of the discovery rule, Plaintiff's suit was filed well within the applicable statutory limitations period.

52. Any applicable statutes of limitations have been tolled by the knowing and active concealment and denial of material facts known by the Defendants when they had a duty to disclose those facts. The Defendants' purposeful and fraudulent acts of concealment have kept

Plaintiff ignorant of vital information essential to the pursuit of Plaintiff's claims, without any fault or lack of diligence on Plaintiff's part, for the purpose of obtaining delay on Plaintiff's filing of their causes of action. The Defendants' fraudulent concealment did result in such delay.

53. Defendants' are estopped from relying on the statute of limitations defense because Defendants failed to timely disclose, among other things, facts evidencing the defective and unreasonably dangerous nature of their Paragard IUD.

**COUNT I – STRICT LIABILITY MANUFACTURING DEFECT**

54. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

55. Teva Defendants designed, set specifications, manufactured, prepared, compounded, assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, performed pharmacovigilance, distributed and sold the Paragard IUD that was implanted into the Plaintiff.

56. The Paragard IUD implanted in Plaintiff contained a condition or conditions, which Defendants did not intend, at the time the Paragard IUD left Defendants' control and possession.

57. Plaintiff and Plaintiffs' health care providers used the device in a manner consistent with and reasonably foreseeable to Defendants.

58. As a result of this condition or these conditions, the product failed to perform as safely as the ordinary consumer would expect, causing injury, when used in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

59. The Paragard was defectively and/or improperly manufactured, rendering it defective and unreasonably dangerous and hazardous to Plaintiff.

60. As a result of the manufacturing defects, the Paragard creates risks to the health and safety of the patients that are far more significant and devastating than the risks posed by other products and procedures available to treat the corresponding medical conditions, and which far outweigh the utility of the Paragard.

61. Defendants have intentionally and recklessly manufactured the Paragard with wanton and willful disregard for the rights and health of the Plaintiffs and others, and with malice, placing their economic interests above the health and safety of the Plaintiff and others.

62. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common law.

63. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

64. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

65. As a proximate result of the Defendants' manufacture of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of care, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT II – STRICT LIABILITY DESIGN DEFECT**

66. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

67. The Paragard is inherently dangerous and defective, unfit and unsafe for its intended use and reasonably foreseeable uses, and does not meet or perform to the expectations of patients and their health care providers.

68. The Paragard IUD was expected to, and did, reach its intended consumer without substantial change in the condition in which it was in when it left Defendants' possession.

69. The Paragard IUD implanted in Plaintiff was defective in design because it failed to perform as safely as persons who ordinarily use the products would have expected at time of use.



70. The Paragard IUD implanted in Plaintiff was defective in design, in that the IUD's risks of harm exceeded its claimed benefits.

71. Plaintiff and her healthcare providers used the Paragard IUD in a manner that was reasonably foreseeable to the Defendants.

72. Neither Plaintiff nor her healthcare providers could have by the exercise of reasonable care discovered the IUD's defective conditions or perceived its unreasonable dangers prior to her implantation of the device.

73. As a result of the foregoing design defects, the Paragard created risks to the health and safety of its users that were far more significant and devastating than the risks posed by other products and procedures available to treat the corresponding medical conditions, and which far outweigh the utility of the Paragard.

74. Defendants have intentionally and recklessly designed the Paragard with wanton and willful disregard for the rights and health of the Plaintiff and others, and with malice, placing their economic interests above the health and safety of the Plaintiff and others.

75. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common law.

76. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

77. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

78. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of care, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

**COUNT III – STRICT LIABILITY FAILURE TO WARN**

79. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

80. Defendants designed, set specifications, manufactured, prepared, compounded, assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, distributed and sold the Paragard IUD, including the one implanted into Plaintiff, into the stream of commerce and in the course of same, directly advertised and marketed the device to consumers or persons responsible for consumers.

81. At the time Defendants designed set specifications, manufactured, prepared, compounded, assembled, processed, marketed, labeled, distributed and sold the Paragard IUD into the stream of commerce, Defendants knew or should have known that the device presented an unreasonable danger to users of the product when put to its intended and reasonably anticipated use.

82. Specifically, Defendants knew or should have known that the Paragard IUD posed a significant risk that one of the arms of the device could break upon removal, resulting in significant injuries.

83. Defendants had a duty to warn of the risk of harm associated with the use of the device and to provide adequate warnings concerning the risk the device could break upon removal, even if implanted properly and even if the device remained properly in-place.

84. Defendants failed to properly and adequately warn and instruct the Plaintiff and her health care providers with regard to the inadequate research and testing of the Paragard, and the complete lack of a safe, effective procedure for removal of the Paragard.

85. The risks associated with the Paragard IUD are of such a nature that health care providers and users could not have recognized the potential harm.

86. The Paragard IUD was defective and unreasonably dangerous at the time of its release into the stream of commerce due to the inadequate warnings, labeling and/or instructions accompanying the product, including but not limited to, the implantation and subsequent removal of Paragard.

87. The Paragard IUD, when implanted in Plaintiff, was in the same condition as when it was manufactured, inspected, marketed, labeled, promoted, distributed and sold by the Defendants.

88. The Defendants intentionally, recklessly, and maliciously misrepresented the safety, risks, and benefits in order to advance their own financial interests, with wanton and willful disregard for the rights and health of the Plaintiff.

89. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common law.

90. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

91. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

92. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT IV – NEGLIGENCE**

93. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

94. At times relevant, Teva Defendants were in the business of designing, developing, setting specifications, manufacturing, marketing, selling and/or distributing the Paragard IUD, including the one that was implanted into the Plaintiff.

95. Defendants had a duty to exercise reasonable and ordinary care in the manufacture, design, labeling, instructions, warnings, sale, marketing, safety surveillance and distribution of the Paragard so as to avoid exposing others to foreseeable and unreasonable risks of harm.

96. Defendants breached their duty of care to the Plaintiff and her physicians, in the manufacture, design, labeling, warnings, instructions, sale, marketing, safety surveillance, and distribution of the Paragard.

97. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that the Paragard IUD was dangerous or likely to be dangerous when used in its intended or reasonably foreseeable manner.

98. At the time of the manufacture and sale of the Paragard IUD, Defendants knew or should have known that the Paragard IUD was designed and manufactured in such a manner so as to present an unreasonable risk of the fracture of the arm of the device upon removal.

99. At the time of the manufacturer and sale of the Paragard IUD, Defendants knew or should have known that the Paragard IUD was designed and manufactured to have unreasonable and insufficient strength or structural integrity to withstand normal placement and subsequent removal.

100. At the time of the manufacture and sale of the Paragard IUD, Defendants knew or should have known that using the Paragard IUD for its intended use or in a reasonably foreseeable manner created a significant risk of a patient suffering severe injuries, including but not limited to additional surgeries and/or medical procedures in order to remove the fragmented device, even leading to hysterectomy.

101. Defendants knew or reasonably should have known that the consumers of the Paragard IUD would not realize the danger associated with using the device for its intended use and/or in a reasonably foreseeable manner.

102. Defendants breached their duty to exercise reasonable and prudent care in the development, testing, design, manufacture, inspection, marketing, labeling, promotion, distribution and sale of the Paragard IUD in, among others, the following ways:

- a. Designing and distributing a product in which they knew or should have known that the likelihood and severity of potential harm from the product exceeded the burden of taking measures to reduce or avoid harm;
- b. Designing and distributing a product in which they knew or should have known that the likelihood and severity of potential harm from the product exceeded the likelihood of potential harm from other device available for the same purpose;
- c. Failing to use reasonable care in manufacturing the product and producing a product that differed from their design or specifications;
- d. Failing to use reasonable care to warn or instruct Plaintiff, Plaintiff's healthcare providers or the general health care community about the Paragard IUD's substantially dangerous condition or about facts making the product likely to be dangerous, including pre-and post-sale;
- e. Failing to perform reasonable pre-and post-market testing of the Paragard IUD to determine whether or not the product was safe for its intended use;
- f. Failing to provide adequate instructions, guidelines, and safety precautions, to those persons to whom it was reasonably foreseeable would recommend, use, implant and remove the Paragard IUD;
- g. Advertising, marketing and recommending the use of the Paragard IUD, while concealing and failing to disclose or warn of the dangers known by the Defendants to be connected with and inherent in the use of the Paragard IUD;
- h. Representing that the Paragard IUD was safe for its intended use when in fact, Defendants knew and should have known the product was not safe for its intended purpose;
- i. Continuing manufacture and sale of the Paragard IUD with the knowledge that the IUD was dangerous and not reasonably safe, and failing to comply with the FDA good manufacturing regulations;

- j. Failing to use reasonable and prudent care in the design, research, manufacture, and development of the Paragard IUD so as to avoid the risk of serious harm associated with the use of the IUD;
- k. Failing to establish an adequate quality assurance program used in the manufacturing of the Paragard IUD; and
- l. Failing to establish and maintain an adequate post-marketing surveillance program for the Paragard IUD.
- m. Failing to adequately and correctly report safety information relative to the Paragard product resulting in inadequate warnings.

103. A reasonable manufacturer, distributor, and/or seller under the same or similar circumstances would not have engaged in the aforementioned acts and omissions.

104. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

105. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

106. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

107. As a direct and proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT V – COMMON LAW FRAUD**

108. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

109. The Defendants have falsely and fraudulently represented and continue to represent to the medical and healthcare community, Plaintiff and her physicians, and/or the public that the Paragard IUD had been appropriately tested and was found to be safe and effective.

110. The representations made by the Defendants were, in fact, false. When the Defendants made their representations, they knew and/or had reason to know that those representations were false, and they willfully, wantonly, and recklessly disregarded the inaccuracies in their representations and the dangers and health risks to users of the Paragard.

111. These representations were made by the Defendants with the intent of defrauding and deceiving the medical community, Plaintiff, and the public, and also inducing the medical community, Plaintiff, Plaintiff's physicians, and/or the public, to recommend, prescribe, dispense, and purchase the Paragard for use as a form of long-term birth control, all of which evidenced a callous, reckless, willful, and depraved indifference to the health, safety, and welfare of Plaintiff.

112. In representations to Plaintiff and/or to her healthcare providers, the Defendants fraudulently concealed and intentionally omitted the following material information:

- n. That the Paragard was not as safe as other products and procedures available to aid in the long-term prevention of pregnancy;
- o. That the risk of adverse events with the Paragard was higher than with other products and procedures available for birth control;
- p. The Paragard IUD was not adequately tested;
- q. That the limited clinical testing for Paragard revealed a higher risk of adverse events, above and beyond those associated with other products and procedures available for birth control;
- r. That Defendants deliberately failed to follow up on the adverse results from clinical studies and/or formal and informal reports from physicians and/or other healthcare providers and either ignored, concealed and/or misrepresented those findings;

- s. That Defendants were aware of dangers in the Paragard IUD in addition to and above and beyond those associated with other products and procedures available for birth control;
- t. That the Paragard IUD was defective, and that it caused dangerous and adverse side effects, including but not limited to unacceptable incidence of breakage upon removal;
- u. That when the Paragard IUD needed to be removed, the removal procedure had a very high failure rate and/or needed to be performed repeatedly;
- v. That the Paragard IUD was manufactured negligently;
- w. That the Paragard IUD was manufactured defectively; and
- x. That the Paragard IUD was designed negligently and designed defectively.

113. The Defendants were under a duty to disclose to Plaintiff and her physicians, the defective nature of the Paragard, including but not limited to, the risk of breakage prior to and upon removal, which could result in permanent injury.

114. The Defendants had sole access to material facts concerning the defective nature of the products and their propensity to cause serious and dangerous side effects and hence, cause dangerous injuries and damage to persons who used the Paragard, such as Plaintiff.

115. The Defendants' concealment and omissions of material facts concerning the safety of the Paragard IUD were made purposefully, willfully, wantonly, and/or recklessly to mislead Plaintiff, Plaintiff's physicians, surgeons and healthcare providers and to induce them to purchase, prescribe, and/or dispense the Paragard IUD; and/or to mislead them into reliance upon and cause them to use the Paragard IUD.

116. At the time these representations were made by Defendants, and at the time Plaintiff and/or her physicians, used the Paragard IUD, Plaintiff and/or her physicians were unaware of the falsehood of these representations, and reasonably believed them to be true.

117. The Defendants knew and had reason to know that the Paragard IUD could and would cause severe and grievous personal injury to the users of the product and was inherently



dangerous in a manner that exceeded any purported, inaccurate, or otherwise downplayed warnings.

118. In reliance upon these false representations, Plaintiff and her physicians were induced to, and did use the Paragard IUD, thereby causing severe and permanent personal injuries and damages to Plaintiff. The Defendants knew or had reason to know that the Plaintiff and her physicians and other healthcare providers had no way to determine the truth behind the Defendants' concealment and omissions, and that these included material omissions of facts surrounding the use of the Paragard IUD, as described in detail herein.

119. Plaintiff and her physicians reasonably relied on facts provided by the Defendants which foreseeably and purposefully suppressed and concealed facts that were critical to understanding the real dangers inherent to the use of the Paragard IUD.

120. Having knowledge based on the Defendants research and testing, or lack thereof, Defendants blatantly and intentionally distributed false information, including but not limited to assurances to Plaintiff, the public, and Plaintiff's healthcare providers and physicians, that the Paragard IUD was safe for use as a means of providing long-term birth control and was as safe or safer than other product and/or procedures available and/or on the market. As a result of Defendants' research and testing, or lack thereof, these Defendants intentionally omitted, concealed and suppressed the dissemination of certain results of testing and research to healthcare professionals, Plaintiff, her physicians, and the public at large.

121. The Defendants had a duty when disseminating information to the public to disseminate truthful information; and a parallel duty not to deceive the public, Plaintiff, and/or her physicians.

122. The information distributed to the public, the medical community, Plaintiff and her physicians by the Defendants included, but was not limited to websites, information presented at medical and professional meetings, information disseminated by sales representatives to physicians and other medical care providers, professional literature, reports, press releases, advertising campaigns, television commercials, print advertisements, and/or other commercial

media, and contained material representations which were false and misleading, as well as omissions and concealments of the truth about the dangers of the use of the Paragard IUD.

123. These representations, and others made by the Defendants, were false when made and/or were made with the pretense of actual knowledge when such knowledge did not actually exist, and were made recklessly and without regard to the true facts.

124. The Defendants recklessly and/or intentionally falsely represented the dangerous and serious health and safety concerns inherent in the use of the Paragard to Plaintiff, her physicians and the public at large, for the purpose of influencing the sales of products known to be dangerous and defective, and/or not as safe as other alternatives.

125. At the time the representations were made, Plaintiff and her healthcare providers did not know the truth about the dangers and serious health and/or safety risks inherent in the use of the Paragard.

126. Plaintiff did not discover the true facts about the dangers and serious health and/or safety risks, nor did Plaintiff discover the false representations of the Defendants, nor would Plaintiff with reasonable diligence have discovered the true facts about the Defendant's misrepresentations at the time when the Paragard IUD was surgically implanted into her.

127. Had Plaintiff known the true facts about the dangers and serious health and/or safety risks of the Paragard IUD, neither Plaintiff nor her physician would not have purchased, used, or relied on Defendants' representations and omissions concerning the Paragard IUD.

128. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

129. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

130. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

131. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard IUD, Plaintiff has been seriously injured, and sustained severe

and permanent injury, pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT VI – NEGLIGENT MISREPRESENTATION**

132. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

133. At relevant times, Teva Defendants negligently provided Plaintiff, her healthcare providers, and the general medical community with false or incorrect information, or omitted or failed to disclose material information concerning the Paragard IUD, including, but not limited to, misrepresentations regarding the safety of the Paragard IUD.

134. The information distributed by the Defendant to the public, the medical community, the Plaintiff and her healthcare providers, including advertising campaigns, labeling materials, print advertisements, commercial media, was false and misleading and contained omissions and concealment of truth about the dangers of the Paragard IUD.

135. Defendants' intent and purpose in making these misrepresentations was to deceive and defraud the public and the medical community, including Plaintiff and Plaintiffs' health care providers; to falsely assure them of the quality of the Paragard IUD and to induce the public and medical community, including Plaintiff and her healthcare provider to request, recommend, prescribe, implant, purchase and continue to use the Paragard IUD.

136. The Defendants had a duty to accurately and truthfully represent to the medical and healthcare community, medical device manufacturers, Plaintiff, her healthcare providers and the public, that the Paragard IUD had been tested and found to be safe and effective for long term birth control.

137. The representations made by the Defendants were, in fact, false. The Paragard IUD was not safe for human use in its intended and reasonably foreseeable manner. Use of the

Paragard IUD is dangerous as there is a risk that it may fracture upon removal cause significant injury.

138. In reliance upon the false and negligent misrepresentations and omissions made by the Defendants, Plaintiff and Plaintiff's healthcare providers were induced to, and did use the Paragard IUD, thereby causing Plaintiff to endure severe and permanent injuries.

139. Defendants knew and had reason to know that the Plaintiff, Plaintiff's healthcare providers, and the general medical community did not have the ability to determine the true facts which were intentionally and/or negligently concealed and misrepresented by the Defendants.

140. Plaintiff and her healthcare providers would not have recommended, and implanted Paragard IUD had the true facts not been concealed by the Defendants.

141. Defendants had sole access to the material facts concerning the defective nature of the Paragard IUD and its propensity to cause serious and dangerous side injuries.

142. At the time Defendants failed to disclose and misrepresented the foregoing facts, and at the time Plaintiff was implanted with the Paragard IUD, Plaintiff and her healthcare providers were unaware of Defendants' negligent misrepresentations and omissions.

143. The Defendants failed to exercise ordinary care in making representations concerning the Paragard IUD while they were involved in their manufacture, sale, testing, quality assurance, quality control, and distribution in interstate commerce, because the Defendants negligently misrepresented the Paragard's high risk of unreasonable and dangerous adverse side effects.

144. The Defendants breached their duty to Plaintiff, her physicians, and the medical and healthcare community, by representing that the Paragard IUD has no serious side effects different from older generations of similar products or procedures.

145. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's healthcare providers reasonably relied upon the misrepresentations and omissions made by the Defendants, where they concealed and misrepresented facts that were critical to understanding the true dangers inherent in the use of the Paragard IUD.

146. Plaintiff and Plaintiff's healthcare providers' reliance on the foregoing misrepresentations and omissions was the direct and proximate cause of Plaintiffs injuries.

147. The Defendants knew, and had reason to know, that the Paragard had been insufficiently tested, or had not been tested at all, that the products lacked adequate and accurate warnings, that they created a high risk, and/or higher than acceptable risk, and/or higher than reported risk that they represented a risk of adverse side effects, including, pain and suffering, surgery to remove the product, and other severe and personal injuries, which are permanent and lasting in nature.

148. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

149. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

150. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

151. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT VII – BREACH OF EXPRESS WARRANTY**

152. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

153. At relevant times, Teva Defendants intended that the Paragard be used in the manner that Plaintiff used it and Defendants expressly warranted that each product was safe and fit for use by consumers, that it was of merchantable quality, that its side effects were minimal and

comparable to other treatments for long-term birth control, and that they were adequately tested and fit for their intended use.

154. At relevant times, Teva Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff, would use the Paragard; which is to say that Plaintiff was a foreseeable user of the Paragard.

155. Plaintiff and/or her implanting physicians were, at all relevant times, in privity with the Defendants.

156. Paragard was expected to reach and did in fact reach its ultimate consumer, including Plaintiff and her implanting physicians, without substantial change in the condition in which it was manufactured and sold by the Defendants.

157. The Defendants breached various express warranties with respect to the Paragard including the following particulars:

- y. The Defendants represented to Plaintiff and her physicians and healthcare providers through their labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail persons, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, and regulatory submissions that the Paragard was safe, and fraudulently withheld and concealed information about the substantial risks of serious injury associated with using the Paragard;
- z. The Defendants represented to Plaintiff and her physicians and healthcare providers that the Paragard was as safe, and/or safer than other alternative procedures and devices and fraudulently concealed information, which demonstrated that the Paragard was not safer than alternatives available on the market; and
- aa. The Defendants represented to Plaintiff and her physicians and healthcare providers that the Paragard was more efficacious than other alternatives and fraudulently concealed information regarding the true efficacy of the products.

158. In reliance upon the Defendants' express warranties, Plaintiff was implanted with the Paragard as prescribed and directed, and therefore, in the foreseeable manner normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by the Defendants.

159. At the time of making such express warranties, the Defendants knew or should have known that the Paragard does not conform to these express representations because the Paragard was not safe and had numerous side effects, many of which the Defendants did not accurately warn about, thus making the Paragard unreasonably unsafe for its intended purpose.

160. Members of the medical community, including physicians and other healthcare professionals, as well as Plaintiff and her physicians, relied upon the representations and warranties of the Defendants in connection with use, recommendation, description, and/or dispensing of the Paragard.

161. The Defendants breached their express warranties to Plaintiff in that the Paragard was not of merchantable quality, safe and/or fit for its intended uses, nor was it adequately tested.

162. The Defendants' breach constituted violations of common law principles and 13 Pa. Stat. Ann. §2313, *et seq.*

163. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

164. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

165. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

166. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

**COUNT VIII – BREACH OF IMPLIED WARRANTY**



167. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

168. At relevant and material times, Teva Defendants manufactured, distributed, advertised, promoted, and sold the Paragard.

169. At relevant times, Teva Defendants intended that the Paragard be implanted for the purposes, and in the manner, that Plaintiff or her physicians or surgeons used it and the Defendants impliedly warranted each Paragard to be of merchantable quality, safe and fit for such use, and to have been adequately tested.

170. Defendants were aware that consumers, including Plaintiff or her physicians or surgeons would implant the Paragard in the manner described by the instructions for use and that Plaintiff was the foreseeable user of the Paragard.

171. Plaintiff and/or her physicians and surgeons were at all relevant times in privity with Defendants.

172. The Defendants' Paragard was expected to reach and did in fact reach consumers, including Plaintiff and/or her physicians and surgeons, without substantial change in the condition in which they manufactured and sold by Defendants.

173. Defendants breached various implied warranties with respect to the Paragard, including the following particulars:

- bb. Defendants represented through their labeling, advertising, marketing materials, detail persons, seminar presentations, publications, notice letters, medical literature, and regulatory submissions that the Paragard was safe and fraudulently withheld and concealed information about the substantial risks of serious injury associated with using the Paragard;
- cc. Defendants represented that the Paragard was safe, and/or safer than other alternative devices or procedures and fraudulently concealed information, which demonstrated that the Paragard was not as safe or safer than alternatives available on the market; and



dd. Defendants represented that the Paragard was more efficacious than other alternative treatments and fraudulently concealed information, regarding the true efficacy of the Paragard.

174. In reliance upon Defendants' implied warranties, Plaintiff and/or her implanting physicians and surgeons used the Paragard as prescribed in the foreseeable manner normally intended, recommended, promoted, and marketed by Defendants.

175. Defendants breached their implied warranties to Plaintiff and/or her implanting physicians and surgeons in that the Paragard was not of merchantable quality, safe and fit for its intended use, or adequately tested, in violation of common law principles and the following statutory provision: 13 Pa. Stat. Ann. §§2314 *et seq.*

176. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

177. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

178. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

179. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

**COUNT IX – VIOLATION OF CONSUMER PROTECTION LAWS**

180. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

181. Plaintiff purchased and used the Paragard primarily for personal use thereby suffering ascertainable losses, as a result of the Defendants' actions in violation of the consumer protection laws.

182. Had the Defendants not engaged in the deceptive conduct described herein, Plaintiff and her physicians would not have purchased and/or paid for the Paragard and would not have incurred related medical costs and injury.

183. The Defendants engaged in wrongful conduct while at the same time obtaining, under false pretenses, moneys from Plaintiff for the Paragard, that was implanted into her, and that would not have been paid for had the Defendants not engaged in unfair and deceptive conduct.

184. Unfair methods of competition of deceptive acts or practices that were proscribed by law, including the following:

- ee. Representing that goods or services have characteristics, ingredients, uses benefits or quantities that they do not have;
- ff. Advertising goods or services with the intent not to sell them as advertised; and
- gg. Engaging in fraudulent or deceptive conduct that creates a likelihood of confusion and/or misunderstanding.

185. Plaintiff was injured by the cumulative and indivisible nature of the Defendants' conduct. The cumulative effect of the Defendants' conduct directed at patients, physicians and consumers, including the Plaintiff and her physicians, was to create demand for and promote the sale of Paragard. Each aspect of the Defendants' conduct combined to artificially create sales of the Paragard.

186. The Defendants have a statutory duty to refrain from unfair or deceptive acts or trade practices in the design, labeling, development, manufacture, promotion, and sale of the Paragard.

187. Had the Defendants not engaged in the deceptive conduct described above, Plaintiff would not have purchased and/or paid for the Paragard, and would not have incurred related medical costs.

188. The Defendants' deceptive, unconscionable, or fraudulent representations and material omissions to patients, physicians and consumers, including Plaintiff and her physicians, constituted unfair and deceptive acts and trade practices in violation of the state consumer protection statutes, including but not limited to 79 Pa. Stat. §§201-1 *et seq.*

189. The Defendants' actions, as complained of herein, constitute unfair competition or unfair, unconscionable, deceptive or fraudulent acts, or trade practices in violation of state consumer protection statutes, including but not limited to 79 Pa. Stat. §§201-1 *et seq.*

190. The Defendants have engaged in unfair competition or unfair or deceptive acts or trade practices or have made false representations in violation under the statute listed above to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade and business practices and false advertising, the Defendants are the suppliers, manufacturers, advertisers, and sellers, who are subject to liability under such legislation for unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable consumer sales practices.

191. The Defendants violated the statutes that were enacted to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade and business practices and false advertising, by knowingly and falsely representing that the Paragard was fit to be used for the purpose for which it was intended, when in fact it was defective and dangerous, and by other acts alleged herein. These representations were made in uniform promotional materials and product labeling.

192. The actions and omissions of the Defendants alleged herein are uncured or incurable deceptive acts under the statutes enacted in the states to protect consumers against unfair, deceptive, fraudulent and unconscionable trade and business practices and false advertising.

193. The Defendants had actual knowledge of the defective and dangerous condition of the Paragard and failed to take any action to cure such defective and dangerous conditions.

194. Plaintiff and her implanting physicians and surgeons relied upon the Defendants' misrepresentations and omissions in determining which product and/or procedure to undergo and/or perform.

195. The Defendants' deceptive, unconscionable or fraudulent representations and material omissions to patients, physicians and consumers, constitute unfair and deceptive acts and practices.

196. By reason of the unlawful acts engaged by the Defendants, and as a direct and proximate result thereof, Plaintiff has suffered ascertainable losses and damages.

197. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

198. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

199. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

200. As a proximate result of the Defendants' design, manufacture, marketing, sale and/or distribution of the Paragard, Plaintiff has been injured catastrophically, and sustained severe and permanent pain, suffering, disability, and impairment, loss of enjoyment of life, loss of reproductive health, comfort, and economic damages.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT X – GROSS NEGLIGENCE**

201. Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference every allegation of this Complaint as if each were set forth fully and completely herein.

202. The wrongs done by the Defendants were aggravated by the kind of malice, fraud, and grossly negligent disregard for the rights of others, the public, and Plaintiff, for which the law would allow, and which Plaintiff will seek at the appropriate time under governing law for the imposition of exemplary damages, in that Defendants' conduct was specifically intended to cause substantial injury to Plaintiff; or when viewed objectively from Defendants' standpoint at the time of the conduct, involved an extreme degree of risk, considering the probability and magnitude of

the potential harm to others, and Defendants were actually, subjectively aware of the risk involved, but nevertheless proceeded with conscious indifference to the rights, safety, or welfare of others; or included material representations that were false, with Defendants, knowing that they were false or with reckless disregard as to the truth and as a positive assertion, with the intent that the representation is acted on by Plaintiff.

203. Plaintiff and her physicians relied on the representations of Defendants and suffered injury as a proximate result of this reliance.

204. Plaintiff therefore will seek to assert claims for exemplary damages at the appropriate time under governing law in an amount within the jurisdictional limits of the Court.

205. Plaintiff also alleges that the acts and omissions of Defendants, whether taken singularly or in combination with others, constitute gross negligence that proximately caused that injuries to Plaintiff. In that regard, Plaintiff will seek exemplary damages in an amount that would punish Defendants for their conduct and which would deter other manufacturers from engaging in such misconduct in the future.

206. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

207. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

208. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against the Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues as triable as a matter of right.

#### **COUNT XI – PUNITIVE DAMAGES**

209. Plaintiff incorporates by reference each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs as though fully set forth herein.

210. At times material hereto, Teva Defendants knew or should have known that their Paragard, as designed, manufactured, assembled, sold and/or distributed was inherently dangerous.

211. At times material hereto, Teva Defendants attempted to misrepresent and did misrepresent facts concerning the safety of their Paragard.

212. Teva Defendants' misrepresentations included knowingly withholding material information from the public and consumers alike, including Plaintiff, concerning the safety of the Paragard.

213. At times material hereto, Teva Defendants knew and recklessly disregarded the fact that their Paragard could cause serious, disabling, and permanent injuries to individuals such as Plaintiff.

214. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Teva Defendants continued to aggressively market and promote their Paragard IUD, without disclosing the risks.

215. As a direct and proximate result of Teva Defendants' willful, wanton, careless, reckless, conscious, and deliberate disregard for the rights and safety of their consumers, Plaintiff suffered severe and permanent physical and emotional injuries, endured pain and suffering, and has suffered economic loss, including incurring significant expenses for medical care and treatment, and will continue to incur such expenses in the future.

216. Teva Defendants' aforesaid conduct was committed with knowing, conscious, careless, reckless, willful, wanton, and deliberate disregard for the rights and safety of consumers, including Plaintiff, thereby entitling Plaintiff to punitive damages in an amount appropriate to punish Teva Defendants and deter them from similar conduct in the future.

217. Defendants are liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to Pennsylvania common and statutory law.

218. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all California common or statutory law.

219. Defendants are strictly liable in tort to Plaintiff for their wrongful conduct pursuant to all Florida common or statutory law.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff demands judgment against Teva Defendants, jointly and severally, for compensatory damages, for punitive damages and for costs, in an as yet unliquidated sum in excess of \$50,000.00, and such other relief as this Court deems just and for a trial by jury on all issues so triable as a matter of right.

**DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL**

Plaintiff hereby demands trial by jury as to all issues.

**RELIEF REQUESTED**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff prays for relief and judgment against Defendants as follows:

- (a) For general (non-economic) and special (economic) damages in a sum in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court;
- (b) For medical, incidental, and hospital expenses according to proof;
- (c) For pre-judgment and post-judgment interest as provided by law;
- (d) For compensatory damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court;
- (e) For consequential damages in excess of the jurisdictional minimum of this Court;
- (f) For punitive damages in an amount in excess of any jurisdictional minimum of this Court and in an amount sufficient to impress upon Defendants the seriousness of their conduct and to deter similar conduct in the future;
- (g) For attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs of this action; and
- (h) For such further relief as this Court deems necessary, just, and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: March 6, 2020

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Defendants.

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**PHILADELPHIA COUNTY  
TRIAL DIVISION  
COURT OF COMMON PLEAS**

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**VERIFICATION**

I, Tobias Millrood, attorney for Plaintiff, verify that verification of the Plaintiff cannot be obtained within the time allowed for filing the pleading. I further verify that the statements made in the foregoing Civil Action Complaint are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information and belief. I understand that false statements herein are made subject to the penalties of 18 Pa.C.S. Section 4904 relating to unsworn falsification to authorities.

Dated: 03/06/2020

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